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Bes This Day being the Anniversary of National Independence, this office will be closed, and no paper issued therefrom to-

Political.

LETTER FROM COL. HENRY L. HOPKINS .-The following letter from Col. Henry L. Hopkins, one of the Democratic Electors of this State, defining his position, appears in the Richmond Enquirer of yesterday, and will be read with interest. It will be seen that Col. H. regards Mr. Douglas as the regular nominee of the National Democracy, and will support his election :

PETERSBURG, June 29, 1860. Gentlemen :- In your semi-weekly issue of thi morning, I find the following announcement: Vational Democratic Tieket.

For President of the United States. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, or KENTECKY. For Vice President of the United States.

GEN, JOSEPH LANE, G. OREGON. And underneath you publish the names of the composing the "National Democratic As my name appears in that connexion amongst them, silence would imply my acquies the announcement, and so produce a arong impression. I deem it due to the friends of these distinguished candidates, therefore, to define my position, promptly and candidly. I was appointed the Elector of the Second Electoral District, to support the nominees, as I undertand it, of the National Democratic Convention, equilarly assembled according to the usages of the Democratic party. I cannot regard the "Secession Convention" that nominated Messrs. Breckiuridge and Lane, as a regular Democratic Con vention, any mere than I would regard a fragment of the two Houses of our Legislature seceding from the regular bodies, and organizing themselves elsewhere to pass laws, a regular Legisla-

It I should be told the Constitution of the State requires a majority of each House to form a quorum for business, so, I reply, the principles and usages of Democracy (its constitution) concedes to the majority the right to rule in conven-tions. Nor can I comprehend how it is that such a convention as never before assembled in all the history of our National Conventions, can claim usage or even precedent for its validity. On the contrary, regarding Stephen A. Douglas as the tional Convention, I shall support his nomination most willingly and cordially, not only on that because of his life-long Democracy, his ripe experience, his great abilities, and the large amount of valuable public services he has rendered his country. Indeed, since Gov. Wise withdrew, he has been my choice for the Presi-

It is my pride that I have always been with my party, in its defeats as well as its triamples. And now that its difficulties and dangers are greater than ever, I mean to evince my devotion to it principles and its integrity, by the best services I can render it, whether I be with a majority or a singrity in the end. I dislike to differ with my friends, and especially with you, Messrs, Editors, but the path of duty is plain before me, and I must pursue it firmly,

Every truly yours.

A meeting of the Democracy of Henrico county, held on Monday last, unanimously endorsed Breckinridge and Lane as the nominees of the Democratic party. The meeting also passed the following resolu-

Resolved, That the Democrats of Henrico have seen, therefore, with pride and pleasure, the honorable loyal, and patriotic conduct and conclusion of the National Democrats in separating themselves at Charleston and Baltimore from the advocates of squatter sovereignty, and thus demonstrating that they were governed by principle, and were loval to the South and the Constitution, and were not ready to sacrifice both or either to the love of power and the hope of plunder, and most heartily do we cheer and applaud them. Resolved, That the administration of Mr. Buchanan is entitled to our hearty approval and the

Covode attacks upon it to our scorn and contempt, and to each we render its due.

A telegraphic despatch from Philadelphia eavs:-A private meeting of the Pennsylvania democratic State executive committee, have agreed to a series of resolutions by a vote of 45 to 6, recommending the democracy the basis that the electors, after the result | ed afterwards. in other States is ascertained, if the whole vote will elect Douglas to east it for him, or for Breckinridge if it will elect him, and if men of the committee is to obtain a pldege of the electors to act under this obligation. Prior to the compromise in the executive committee many propositions were made,-Among others, one declaring Mr. Douglas the nominee of the demogratic party for

The New York Mozart Hall Democracy on Friday night, resolved that John C. Breckinridge is "a high-toned Democrat, eminently national," and that they "respect the abili- element of strength to that gentleman. ty and talents of Mr. Douglas;" and, in deciding between the two, they find no cf a double-shotted electoral ticket. If, however, the elements are too antagonistical for a fusion, then the Mozart Hall managers see and they decide this point in favor of Mr. | cal records of our State.

The friends of Breckinridge and Lane, in on Monday, at which the Hon, Charles J. made and a series of resolutions adopted .-They reaffirm the Cincinnati platform with the explanatory resolution reported by the majority committee at the Charleston Conention, and declare that Front street (Baltimore) nomination a nullity, and that Breekinridge and Lane are entitled to the support 13. Reed was read, recommending conciliation.

Il wkingham Register, Valley Democrat and Staunton Vindicator have each hoisted the ocratic papers in the Tenth Legion, and may be taken as an index of popular opinion in that important quarter of the State. Without the vote of the Tenth Legion democracy, Breekinridge will be hopelessly defeated in the State.

The Annapolis Republican, a sturdy old Democratic organ, is in a quandary. It d nit know exactly where to go. An advocate of peace in the Democratic ranks, and the prevent the calamity of a disgraceful defeat, the Republican urges upon the Demcorats of Maryland the necessity of some ness. prompt and immediate action to secure the union of the party in the approaching Presidential election."

At the Breekinridge meeting in Philadelphia on Monday night, a scene of great confusion occurred, caused by the Douglas men present giving three cheers for Douglas and interrupting the speakers. Gen. Lane spoke amid much difficulty, extolling the character of Breckinridge, and advocating his claims for the Presidency. When the vote was put on the resolutions, the nays were as loud as the ayes. Several of the crowd were arrested for disturbing the meeting.

Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson in the Binghampton, (N. Y.) Democrat, declares him self for Breckinridge and Lane. "The ma jority of the New York delegation," he says, held the balance of power in the National Convention, under the unit rule, and could have saved and united the party they have so wantonly and wickedly divided and destroyed. The responsibility is on them, and the shame is theirs."

was held at Tammany Hall. About three ces. thousand persons participated. Ex-Mayor Tieman presided. Stands were erected in the streets, and a display of fireworks added to the animation of the scene. Senator Pugh, Mr. Marshall, of Tennessee, and others spoke. Their remarks were denunciatory of the administration. Mr. Douglas is at

the Fifth Avenue Hotel. At a meeting of the Empire Club of New York, arrangements were made for a meeting to pronounce an undivided support of Douglas and Johnson. The Club are to meet at Madison square, and form a torchlight procession to march to Tammany and participate in the ratification of the nomina-

tion of Douglas and Johnson. The New Orleans Crescent, Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, and Athens (Ga.) Watchman, heretofore neutral in the present contest, have gallantly hoisted the flag of Bell and Everett! All these papers are influential, and will do noble work for our candidates and our cause.

The Montgomery Confederation, one the most influential Democratic papers in the State, and published right under Yancev's nose, announces its intention to support the nomination of Douglas and ex-Gov. ernor Johnson, of Georgia.

We have received information, says the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, coming direct from a friend of Texas, that the hero of San Jacinto has declared for the only National ticket, Bell and Everett.

A dispatch from Washington says: -- "The Democratic politicians here have abandoned all hope of effecting any accommodation whatever between their respective candidates, by a joint electoral ticket or otherwise."

John Tyler, ex-President of the United States, has written a letter in which he goes strong for Breckinridge and Lane.

Hon, Herschel V. Johnson, candidate for Vice President, made an speech at Atlanta, Ga., Saturday night.

The Breckinridge and Lane ratification meeting at Norfelk, Va., has been postponed until after the State Convention.

The circumstances of the tragedy in New York, which occurred on Saturday night, render the case as startling as any that has transpired since the murder of Dr. Harvey Burdell. The parties were unknown to each | rash act. other, and both were gentlemen of some prominence in the business community; one, Mr. John Walton, having been engaged for some years in conducting an extensive distillery, and the other, Mr. John W. Matthews, being a railroad contractor by profession. The perpetrator of the double murder eluded arrest, and, in fact, is not certainly known, although the proceedings at inquest, which was held on Sunday upon the bodies of the murdered men, tend strongly to implicate the two sons-in-law of Mr. Walton, named Charles and Edward Jeffries, for whom warrants of arrest have been issued. Since the marriage of Mr. Walton with the mother of the suspected parties, he had led an unhappy life, and the constant difficulties between himself on one side, and his wife and her sons on the other, had resulted in a separation and suit for divorce, in which he was plaintiff. Since the commencement of the action, which is still pending in the Supreme Court, Mr. Walton's life, it is said, to venture in the streets without company. On Saturday night, while walking through Eighteenth street, near First avenue, accompanied by his cousin, R. H. Pascal, he was shot down from behind, and survived the wound but a few hours. It was in attempting to overtake the murderer, who had fled, of the State to unite in support of a candidate | that Mr. Mauthews lost his life, the fugitive Also to unite in support of having turned upon him and fired with so the electoral ticket appointed at Reading on | true an aim, that his pursuer scarcely breath-

Archbishop Hughes delivered an able ad dress, in New York, last Sunday, on the clue to the perpetrator of the horrid deed neither, then the electors can divide the subject of the abstraction of Romagna from was elicited. votes after their own judgment. The Chair- the dominions of the Pope. He denounced the recent proceedings in Italy in so far as

The Charleston Courier says that the friends of Mr. Breckinridge are in great President was voted down-year 19, navs 43. danger of suffering from the active friendship and interposition of the President, whose opposition to Mr. Douglas has been a great

The address on the life and services of the remedy against portending evil except that late Governor Tazewell, delivered in Norfolk, on Friday last, by Hugh Blair Grigsby, esq., was an interesting and valuable essay. no alternative except to go for the strongest. It will be published, and add to the histori- Horner & Hurt, of Stapleton Mills, were

Mr. S. W. Williams, Secretary of Lega-Chindelphia, held their ratification meeting tion to China, has arrived at Washington, day says :- "Most of the Berkeley farmers bearing the treaty between China and the commenced cutting their wheat this week. one of the buildings totally destroyed. All into a committee of the whole to take into lugersoll presided. Several addresses were United States, ratified in due form, and an

We learn, with regret, that the recovery of the estimable wife of Governor T. Holliday Hicks of Md., who has been ill for some time with consumption, is regarded as beof the Democracy. A letter from Hon. Wm. youd hope, and that her death is hourly ex- now fast falling before the reapers. The

Mr. Breckinridge is very soon to leave for California with Senator Latham, proposing the depredations of the joint worm and fly, ing was proposed to be held on Saturday mame of Judge Douglas for the Presidency. to pass the summer on the Pacific coast. and the destruction to some extent by hail; afternoon last. These are the three leading and ablest dem- He had made arrangements for this trip be- but the quality will be unsurpassed. The fore his nomination.

> lege, at Lexington, Va., took place last week. Every thing was satisfactory. Hon. G. W. Summers was requested to deliver the next the fertilizing properties of our Rockbridge ton corporation, being 221 per cent. on the annual address before the Alumni.

smoothly, even in a rough sea, that those on usual.' hoard are but little troubled with sea sick-

factured in Jefferson county, Mississippi.

The publication of that old and excelient Whig journal, the Petersburg Intelligencer, has been resumed. It will be edited by Robert Bolling, esq., and we hope may long continue to do good service in the good cause.

The rival political factions of the Democratic party, at the North and Northwest, continue to contend with each other, in demonstrations, meetings, &c., in favor of their respective candidates.

The Southern Literary Messenger for July is full of interesting, instructive, and amusing matter. It contains an illustrated arti cle on life and literature in Japan. Some of the best minds in the South have contributed to this number. The pen of one of the first thinkers in Virginia, is employed in At New York, July 2, a Douglas meeting | discussing the Ethnology of the Negro Ra-

Virginia News.

GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VA .-The following is a list of graduates in Law and Medicine, and the Masters of Arts, in the University for the present session:

Medicine, with the title of Doctor of Medicine.-B. B. Hunter, Texas; R. P. Page, Clarke; W. H. Peek, Hampton; N. M. Read, Henry; A. E. Slaughter, Culpepper; J. B. Stovall, North Carolina; W. P. Thurman, Bedford; J. R. Ward, Lynchburg; W. R. Wilson, North Carolina.

Law-With the title of Bachelor of Law. Edward C. Anderson, Jr., Savannah, Ga.; Samuel P. Davis, Liberty: John G. Mason, Falmouth; John L. Massie, Augusta; Camm attack of apoplexy. The screams of his de-Patterson, Buckingham; Wm. Thomson, Beaufort, S. C.; Win. E. Towles, Bayow Sa-

Masters of Arts .- Wm. Allen, Winchester; L. M. Blackford, Lynchburg; Jas. M. Boyd, Lynchburg; Charles M. Gibbens, Lynchburg; John M. Gregory, Jr. Richmond; Herbert H. Harris, Louisa; R. M. T. Hunter, Jr., Essex; Wm. II. Mackoy, Kentucky; John B. Magruder, Albemarle; Joseph A. Turner, Hicksford; Richard Walke, Jr., Norfolk.

In the other schools there are the usual number of graduates. We regret to learn from a correspondent of the Richmond Enquirer, that, Professor John B. Minor, the distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Virginia, has suffered seriously of late from a disease of the throat, and that Professor Holcombe, assistant professor of Law, has returned from Europe in such feeble health as to be unable to lecture. ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.-G. W. Sites. for-

merly connected with the Petersburg Press, but more recently engaged as associate editor of the Bedford Sentinel, made an attempt on Monday, while laboring under temporary abberration, to commit suicide. He first went to Mrs. Jourdan's, about seven miles from Lynchburg, and asked for a knife, stating that he desired to cut his throat. He also requested them to lend him a gun, with an adjoining wood and butt his head against at various banking houses on the the kitchen of Mr. Hillsman, where he got a canal locks and rail cars in the distance, gash across his throat. His condition is such that his life is not considered in immediate | made in Canada. danger. No reason was assigned for the

SUICIDE .- John Hughes, a wealthy citizen of Gloucester county, Va., worth \$100 -000, and one of the most honorable and estimable men in the country, committed suicide on Thursday last. About two weeks previous to the commission of the deed he lost his youngest son, which had a powerful influence on his mind, he took laudanum, but the dose did not fulfill his purpose, and on the day mentioned he repaired to one of the out-houses on his farm, where he sat down throat with a razor.

ARREST.-The young man Gornto, charged with robbing the letters at the Post-Office, Princess Anne, Va., of money, and who fled as soon as it was discovered, has been arrested in Vicksburg, Miss., and is now awaiting the action of the U.S. Marshal.

The Clarke County Conservator says: Thos. H. Duke, of this County, who was sentenced at the May term of our County Court to the Penitentiary for one year, for shooting a man named Turner, has been parhad been threatened repeatedly by his wife | doned by the Governor, and was released and her two sons, until at last he was afraid | from confinement in jail on last Tuesday evening. This act upon the part of Gov. Letcher will meet with the almost unanimous approval of this community. The petition sent on for the unconditional pardon of Duke, was signed by fully nine-tenths of our citizens, which shewed that they considered

> The Charlestown, Jefferson County, Independent says :- "A child, apparently just borne was found near this place, on Friday evening last, with its skull smashed to a jelly, and its body secreted under some brush. A coroner's inquest was held over it, but no

The Crops, &c.

Petersburg has the credit of leading off they related to dismemberment of the States | this year in the new wheat receipts. Messrs. N. M. Martin, Bro. & Co., sold on Friday, to Messrs, Thomas Branch & Sons, 100 bushels prime new red at \$1,40 per bushel. This wheat was raised by Mr. O. P. Taylor, of Granville county, N. C., near Kittrell's Springs. It was in fine condition, and the grain was well cured and full. It has been been received here in the month of June .-

The first transaction in wheat this season, | ton keys were found on him. in this city, that we have heard of, took place on Wednesday. Four thousand five hundred bushels changed hands, at figures which we were unable to obtain. Messra, the purchasers.-Lanchburg Virginian, June

The Martinsburg (Va.) Gazette of Saturcounty.

The grain movements at Chicago are strong, and a daily average of 200,000 bush. is about the amount of the receipts.

A letter from Rockbridge county, Va., says:-"The wheat crop in this country is harvesting will not be so great this season as it was the last, and probably not so abun- great oyster monopoly has extended itself | Copies of this Declaration were ordered to dant as it was two seasons ago, by reason of to Kent county, where an indignation meetrye and oat crops, especially the former, which heretofore has been exceedingly pre-The commencement of Washington Col- carious in this region, is better than ordinary. The prospect for a very large crop of that many of our farmers who have tested plaster, so called, have come to the conclu- amount insured on the mill. sion that it is almost worthless; consequent-It is said that the Great Eastern runs so ly, the clover crop will be shorter than

> The Clarke County Conservator says: -"We are glad to learn that our farmers now think, since they have commenced cutting as they had last year."

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES." At Concord, N. H., on Saturday last, the grand jury found bills against the United States officers for kidnapping Frank B. Sanborn on the 3d of April. It will be recollected that Sanborn had been summoned as a witness by the U. S. Senate in the Harper's Ferry raid investigation, and refused to attend. Officers were sent to arrest him, but been destroyed by the ravages of a hail Sovereigns who met at Baden how his policy he was rescued by "sympathizers."

officers indicted are James Carlton, George J. Coolidge, W. B. Farleton and Watson Freeman, Jr. There are four counts in the indictment, charging seizure without lawful warrant, assault, &c. No bill was found against Sanborn for assaulting the officers.

Charles Goodyear, the inventor of the art of vulcanizing India-rubber, died in New York, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, on the 1st inst., after an illness of four weeks. Mr. Goodyear was born in New Haven, December 29, 1800. The disease which terminated his life had its origin in the severe and long-continued privations and anxieties which he suffered, and struggles which he made in order to perfect and introduce into public use the great invention, vulcanization, to which his whole life since 1839, the date of the discovery, has been devoted.

A very sudden and painful death occurred in Richmond last Thursday night. C. C. Macon, esq., a most estimable citizen, and one of the Inspectors at Scabrook's warehouse, indulged in a cold bath, remaining in the water but a short time. While in the act of putting on his clothes, he fell from an voted wife and family soon attracted several neighbors, who ran for Dr. Dean and other eminent physicians. Alas! when they arrived Mr. Macon was past recovery; the vital spark had fled.

The Great Eastern is undergoing the ne. cessary renovation, painting, deck scouring, spar-scraping, brass scouring and saloondusting preparatory to the admission of visitors. Much dissatisfaction is expressed with the action of the Directors of the Great | charged against nearly every planter having Ship Company at the meeting, yesterday, to an account in the ledger now at Dumfries is, fix the terms of admission on board. adults the price is to be \$1, and 50 cents for those days, and hogsheads were rolled to is too high to enable the masses to board

Brazos dates of the 28th ult., have been received per steamer Arizona. Private letters from Monterey and Matamoras say that General Zaragoza, commanding the liberals, had defeated and taken General Miramon prisoner near Salamanca. Genl. Ramauenz, commanding the Matamoras troops had been defeated by Genl. Ortega, and civil war was raging in Nueva Leon and Northern Mexico, where efforts were making in favor of Genl. Comonfort's return. The Arizona brought \$75,000 in specie.

Counterfeit \$100 bills, on a general plate No. 50. used by a large number of banks in New which to blow his brains out. Both of these | England, have made their appearance in requests being of course, refused, he went to Boston, over \$5,000 having been presented a large rock, with jugged edges, mutilating | Bank, Lowell, and Newton Bank, Newton. it in a horrible manner. He then went to | They have for a vignette a spread eagle, with case-knife, with which he inflicted an ugly and the numerals "100" on each side of the vignette. It is supposed the counterfeits are Judge McCaleb's opinion in the case of

the Miramon steamers does not reach the subject of the claims of the officers and seamen captured and imprisoned. Those parties will, of course, sue in the courts for false imprisonment. Spain having already a claim upon the U. S. government on ac count of her subjects, will be able to add to the amount more than enough to balance

The list of American vessels (exclusive of lake or bay craft) reported during June as and, as is supposed, deliberately cut his lost and missing is fortunately unusually light, numbering but ten vessels. They comprise 1 steamer, (U. S.) 2 ships, 1 bark, 1 brig and 5 schooners. Of these 4 were wrecked, I snak by collision, I foundered, 2, abandoned, I capsized and I missing. The value of the vessels is estimated at \$255,000. exclusive of cargoes.

> John Mulholland, still another New Orleans murderer, has been tried and convicted of the wilful and malicious killing of a policeman, named Somers. There are several other persons implicated in the murder of which Mulholland has been found

The schooner John A. Taylor has arrived with Ruatan dates of the 20th ult. The cession of the island of Honduras was unfavorably looked upon. Fifty troops had arrived from Balize to maintain order. The people the act of shooting Turner a justifiable one. object to the treaty, and it will probably be Mr. Jefferson, Mr. John Adams, Mr.

It was confidently expected that Lady Franklin would have been among the passengers on the Adriatic, but from advices received she was obliged to defer her visit to the United States until the next trip of that vote of Congress declaring the United Colosteamer. She will be the guest of Mr. Hen-

In noticing the effects of a severe storm at Boston on the 29th ultimo, in injuring trees in the public parks, the Atlas says:-"But the chief and saddest loss is the destruction of the grand old elm, which for many years has been the prominent feature of our beau-

At Rutland, Vt., July 2d, John Whiteomb was arrested for robbing the American and several years since any of the new crop has | Canadian mails while under his charge .-He had spent \$600 in Canadian money lately, which drew suspicion upon him. Skele-

The vacant Judgeship on the Supreme Court Bench cannot be filled till December. the vacancy having occurred during the sitting of the Senate. It is extremely doubtful what direction the appointment will final-

When the tornado struck Camanche, Ia., four men were engaged in playing cards in The indications favor the belief that there four were killed with the cards in their their further consideration the Declaration of autograph letter from the Emperor to the will be a tolerably fair average crop in the hands. What became of the stakes is not Independence."

At New York, July 2, Edwin Jefferds was taken in custody for the murder of the men Walton and Mathews. The crime attaches more to Charles Jefferds, who is said to answer the description of the murderer.

Advices from Norfolk, state that the car-

in a damaged condition; except the pig iron asm .- Nat. Int. which will be lost. corn is remarkably good. I regret to hear At Boston, July 2, the referees have FLOUR, GRAIN, AND GROCERY MERCHANT, awarded \$93,375 insurance to the Pember-

> The often repeated rumors of the intended removal of John Heart, the superintendent of public printing, do not appear to be well founded.
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> EXCHANGE ON NEW YORK, for sale in sums to suit purchasers, by WM. H. FOWLE & SON, founded.

The President will probably this week re-Writing ink, made from sand, is manu- their crop, that they will have as much grain move to his summer-residence, the Soldier's Letter from Dumfries, Va.

Correspondence of Commercial Advertiser. DUMFRIES, Virginia, June 29 .- There is a wide difference between sailing down the Potomae, with a fair wind before which our little yacht dashed along, her bows decked with sparkling foam, and drifting up, without a puff of wind to cool the heated air .-Between tides, we have landed and received hospitable attentions from the planters, whose hopes of an abundant harvest have storm. The corn, however, will probably

The soil of all this region was exhausted unprejudiced minds with the conviction which by the early tobacco planters, but of late a true sentiment honestly expressed always years it has been somewhat restored by the conveys. Hence it was that there was more application of guano, lime, and plaster, with than courtesy in the reciprocal contact bea rotation of crops. Fifteen bushels of wheat | tween the members of this august meeting. or thirty bushels of corn, are regarded as a They spent nearly the whole of Sunday in good crop. Labor is scarce, as the slave population is diminishing in numbers.

Accepting the offer of saddle-horses and morning during the ebb-tide, we came to this almost deserted city. A hundred years since, Potomac now almost entirely filled up. Upwards of a hundred sail of square-rigged vessels were then employed in carrying to Europe the tobacco collected in its ample warehouses, and in bringing return cargoes of the manufactures of foreign lands, not at that time produced by home industry.

An old ledger preserved in one of the brick mansions yet standing, shows how perfectly dependent the "Old Dominion" was on the mother country for every thing. Dry goods, hardware, medicines, groceries-indeed all the necessaries and comforts of life-were ordered each year by the planters, whose chants separately, and the goods came back directed to the purchaser, at whose plantation landing on the Potomac of Rappahannock they were delivered. This enabled the merchants here and the factors in England to each charge a commission and they also charge for forwarding and selling the tobacco, with interest on advances, &c. One "for rowling tobaco." Roads were bad in centre of each head as an axle, to which

shafts were attached. Durefries was settled by "canny Scots, and while they had their kirk and their school, they also had a theatre for the amusement of their cavalier customers, which enjoyed a high histronic reputation in its time. Even now, the ladies of the place tell how a knight of the buskin wooed and won the heart of the daughter of one of the very first families.

Dumfries was the home of that eccentric biographer, Mr. L. Weems, who was at one time settled here as a clergyman, and was a zealous Freemason, presiding over Lodge

The court-house, built in 1755, with a he erected, defy the attacks of time, but hundreds of buildings have gone to ruin, and several streets can be traced in flourishing corn fields, by piles of brick, or by hollows showing where cellars once were. A large and thickly populated graveyard, with numerous marble tablets, records the wealth and social refinements of Dumfries in the lays of its commercial prosperity.

This whole region of country is rich in historical souvenirs. There are massive old churches, surrounded by monuments which need the care of some Old Mortality; large manor-halls, once the resort of the chivalric and proud, are in ruins, or are shorn of their former splendor; and here we have a commercial port, deserted by its merchant prices, and almost unknown by the busy occupants of places once its rivals.

Fourth of July Reminiscences.

In the month of June, 1776, the minds of the members of the Continental Congress were earnestly directed to a practical consideration of the subject of independencea subject which followed inevitably the labors of the Revolutionary leaders both in the field and the council.

On the 8th of June the Congress (then but one body) went into the committee of the whole to consider "the resolutions respecting independency," and on the 10th it was agreed that a committee be appointed to prepare a declaration to the effect of the first resolution, to wit:

"That those United Colonies, are and of right mght to be, free and independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political connexion between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought | ducats. o be totally dissolved.

On the 11th of June the following members were chosen to constitute the committee: Franklin, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. R. R. Liv-

On the 25th of June a declaration of the deputies of Pennsylvania, met in Provincial Council, was laid before Congress and read, expressing their willingness to concur in a onies, free and independent States. On the 28th of June Francis Hopkinson,

one of the delegates from New Jersey, presented his credentials and instructions authorizing him "to join in declaring the United Colonies independent of Great Britain, in the Isthmus are to be pushed on more acentering into a confederation for union and | tively than ever. I learn that Mr. Lesseps common defence." &c.

On the 1st of July a resolution from the Convention of Maryland was presented, concurring in the movement for independence, and in forming a further compact and confed-

On the 2d of July Congress resumed the from the committee of the whole, which was agreed to, as follows:

"Resolved. That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States: what they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political connexion between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved."

On the 3d of July the subject was further considered, and it was "resolved that this Congress will, to-morrow, again resolve itself

On the 4th of July Mr. Harrison, the presiding officer in committee of the whole, reported that the committee had agreed to a declaration which they desired him to report. The well-known Declaration of Independence was read and agreed to. It was then engrossed, and afterwards signed by The excitement in Maryland, about the fifty-six delegates, headed by John Hancock.

be sent to the several Assemblies, Conventions, and Committees or Councils of Safety, and to the several commanding officers of the Continental troops; and it was proclaimed in each of the United States, and at the head of go of the ship Jane Henderson, will be saved | the Army, and it was received with enthusi-

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Late Foreign News.

THE CONGRESS AT BADEN BADEN.- The Paris Moniteur of the latest date publishes the following:

ust made will have, we doubt not, happy results. Nothing less than such a spontaneous and significant step was required to put an end to the unanimous concert of malevolent reports and false appreciations. In fact, the Emperor, by going to explain frankly to the would never swerve from right and justice, must have impressed such distinguished and each other's company. At noon the Grand Duke of Baden invited them all to a dejeuner at the old castle. At five o'clock they all himself as a guide, from a gentleman before dined together. After dinner, the Emperor Legislatures." This principle the South whose estate our yacht was anchored this having returned to his hotel, the majority of wholly repudiates, nor was it upon any such Sovereigns came to take leave of him. His principle that Clay, or Webster, or Cass, to Majesty was enabled to take leave of them | whom Judge D. refers, sought "to pilot the it was a flourishing commercial port, with all at nine o'clock, at the house of Princess ship of state over the breakers." Mr. Clay, deep water at its wharves on the inlet of the Marie of Baden, Duchess of Hamilton, who as quoted by Judge D. in his Harper essay, asked them to tea. Thus, all who desire the said the object of the Committee was to tie re-establishment of confidence and the con- "up the hands of the Territorial Legislature tinuation of good international relations, in respect to legislating at all, one way or ought to congratulate themselves upon a the other, upon the subject of African slaveconference which consolidates the peace of ry." Mr. Foote said, "I could confidently

The following is an exact list of the Sovereigns and Princes who met at Baden-Baden: each of them a declaration that what they The Prince Regent of Prussia and the Prin- meant to do was simply to prevent the terricess of Prussia, the Grand Duke and Grand | torial government from legislating either for Duchess of Baden, the King of Wurtemberg, the admission or exclusion of slavery. (Mr. the King of Bayaria, the King of Saxony, Clay, Mr. Cass, and Mr. Downs, all nodded the King of Hanover, the Grand Duke of assent.") Hesse Darmstadt, the Grand Duke of Saxe invoices were sent out by the Dumfries mer- Weimar, the Duke of Saxe Coburg, the Prince and Princess of Hohenzollern, the Princess Mary Duchess of Hamilton, the Prince and Princess of Furstemburg, and the country than in wasting time in forcing the Duke of Nassaw.

press speak of the result of Napoleon's in- He should have read to his audience that erview at Baden as highly satisfactory, the principle in his platform which is anti-pro-Paris Correspondent of the London Daily tective in its policy, and not seek to "ring News says:

it was an utter failure. Now, it is certain than Clay." that the Emperor's intention was to propose children under 12 years of age. One dollar market, by putting iron pins through the to the Prince Regent of Prussia a course of policy not merely new, but widely differing has been hitherto following; and it is, I believe, equally true that the proposals, whatever they were, have been rejected. It was a painful surprise to Napoleon III to find that the Prince had surrounded himself by all the sovereigns of Germany. (the Emperor of Austria only excepted,) in testimony of his loyalty towards them. There is, therefore reason to believe that the designs upon the Rhine are suspended sine die."

Whether this be correct or not there is certainly something mysterious about the interview of Napoleon III with the Prince of Prussia. In the late accounts we are tel, and a few mansion-houses, substantially erected, defy the attacks of time, but hunquestion. Was the object of his visit then stant, negro boy LEWIS, about 20 years of age; nothing but peace?

After the departure of Napoleon, however, the Prince regent of Prussia, in an official reception of the minor German sovereigns, thanked them for meeting with him to receive the peaceful assurances of the French of the integrity of Germany would always be his especial care. Austria, he said, had taken steps of great importance, but he seemed to doubt whether that power would coineide in the views entertained by the Congress.—Ballimore Sun.

The latest intelligence from Europe shows that the Italian movement is progressing satisfactorily and rapidly. The Neapolitan troops have been recalled to Naples, because they could not be relied upon. Lanza and their other commanders, who were overthrown in Sicily, have been sent to the famous State prison at Ischa, where so many political victims have expiated their crimes against the government in chains and torture. Garabaldi is organizing a levy en masse of the Sicilians, for a dash at Naples itself, leaving Messina to be dealt with hereafter. The King looks in vain to England, France and Austria for assistance. England appears in fact to be indirectly aiding and abetting the patriots. The two steamers, ladened with volunteers and muskets, captured by the Neapolitan-frigate, had Sardinian passports for Malta, a British possession. On this fact the Sardinian and British Ministers have demanded the restitution of them; and the captains of them have added to this demand a claim of an indemnity of 20,000

At Naples, Rome, and Venice, says the Paris correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, every step Garibaldi takes is watched with the greatest interest, and the people are waiting with ill-constrained impatience the moment of their own detiverance. The revolutionary committees everywhere are organizing.

The London Times' Alexandria, Egypt, correspondent says; "Mr. Lessep's proceedings since his arrival here are somewhat shrouded in mystery, and nothing more is known than that, immediately on his arrival at Alexandria, he started off to see the Viceroy, from whom he met with a most flattering reception, and that he declares the works has received from Said Pasha a concession for 99 years of Lake Menzaloh, against an annual rent somewhat above that at which the fisheries in the lake had hitherto been farmed by the government.'

Advices from Beyrout to June 12, state that the civil war in Lebanon commenced consideration of the resolution reported from toward the end of May. The Druses were beavy stock of NEW GOODS. What we say we the victors, and had burned several fine villages on the mountains, respecting only the manufactories of the Europeans. The Turkish authorities had not interfered. A fresh outbreak was anticipated. Thirty-six villages are reported burnt on Mt. Lebanon. The Turkish soldiers sent to protect the Chris- to give us a call. tians joined the Druses, and participated in the massacre.

Heenan did not come passenger by the Adriatic. He will come by the Vanderbilt. Mr. Mercier, the new French Ambassa-

dor came by the Adriatic. The church rate abolition bill had been thrown out of the British House of Lords by a great majority.

Mr. James called attention to the enlistment now going on in Ireland to furnish the Pope with troops in Italy, and asked the government what measures they intended to adopt, as there was abundant evidence to support a prosecution under the foreign enistment act.

The loan of £12,000,000 of the French No. 3 MACKEREL, for sale very low, by allway obligations would be introduced in WM. H. FOWLE & SON. railway obligations would be introduced in market during the month. Switzerland protests against the cession

of Northern Savoy to France. The Opinione National received a second warning for publishing Victor Hugo's speech. containing a violent appeal to revolutionary partizans. A late number of the London Gazette

contains a Royal Proclamation "for the encouragement of piety and virtue, and for the preventing and punishing of vice, profaneness, and immorality," issued on the 9th ultime by the Queen of England:

The latest advices from England state that Her Majesty's ship Bulldog, Captain Sir L. Gazette, Warrenton Flag, and Culp. Observer.] M'Clintock, was to sail on 20th June for the purpose of surveying the route for the pro- of fine Soft FRENCH MATS, price only \$5. posed North Atlantic Telegraph. It is un- je 22

derstood that the soundings will embrace the seas between Scotland and the Faroe Isles, Iceland, Greenland, and Hamilton's Inlet, on the Labrador coast. The expedition will a'so on its return take a line of soundings 50 "The rapid journey which the Emperor has miles south of the outward voyage.

COMMUNICATED. PRINCIPLES .- Judge Douglas, in his letter

of acceptance, says that the essential liv ing principle of "the Compromise" of 1850. was, and now is, "non-intervention by Congress with slavery in the Territories." Unluckily for Judge D., however, he is not con. tent with "the fair application of this just and equitable principle," but claims, also, that it was "an affirmance of the principle * * that the people of the Territories should decide the question of slavery for themselves through the action of their Territorial appeal to all the members of the Committee of Thirteen upon this point, and obtain from

Judge Douglas, in his Philadelphia speech on Saturday, says: "Pennsylvania believes that Congress can be better employed in developing the great material resources of slavery or anti-slavery upon the people. While, however, the French government | Now that sentiment is clearly Whig thunder. in," the "sweet voices" of Pennsylvanians "I have cogent reasons for believing that with the old fetch of "a better tariff man

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simply to tell the Prince that he meant stout built; about 5 feet 8 inches; black or dark colored; has a very slight halt in his gait. Hi clothing as near as can be ascertained, was a Panama hat, blue yarn coat, and two pair pants; one of striped blue cotton, the other of plain cotton. I will give \$50 for his apprehension in this, or any of the adjoining counties, or the above reward for a greater distance, delivered to me, or se-Emperor, and stated that the maintenance cured in the jail of any of the adjoining counties. F. FOOTE, near Haymarket P. O.

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Every person having a carriage, cart, wagon, or dray, should try a box of Patent Oil Grease. Price 187 cts. Now on hand, a very full stock of all kinds of IRON and STEEL, which I pledge myself to sell

as low as can be had in any market. GEORGE T. BALDWIN. jy 4 King street, between Fairfax and Water. CREAM TARTAR, Sup. Carb Soda, Oxalic Acid, Cochineal, American Sheet and Shred Isinglass, Irish Moss, Hops, Senna, Opium, White and Variegated Castile Soap, Powd. Rhubarb, and Turkey Rhubarb Root, on hand, and for sale by J. WILLIAM BOWLING,

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jy 4 62, corner of Fairfax and Prince streets.

YOTICE .- DANIEL HARMON was admitted on the first of July, 1860, as full partner with BAYNE & CO., in the wholesale BOOT, SHOE, HAT, and CAP BUSINESS. jy 4-eolm

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